Twenty-Six Celebrated CORNISH CAROLS

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EDITORIAL

A CORNISH CAROL is not simply a Christmas Hymn, but more like a species of folk-song, and being set to music by comparatively untrained musicians it is a quaint, original and somewhat crude expression of the great Christmas tradition.

During the middle of last century many Cornish families migrated to Australia, and as new communities were formed, there also the CORNISH CAROL appeared as a bond between the old and the new. In this collection a few only of those that I have known for sixty years have been selected; in some instances the phrasing and harmony have been revised, care being taken to retain as much as possible the idiom of CORNISH CAROLS.

Some of the airs are very beautiful and are capable of great musical expression.

My own compositions extend over a period of fifty years, and are included for what they are worth in the hope that they may help to a revival of CORNISH CAROL singing and therefore make the book worth while.

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COME AND WORSHIP



Nº 2. LO! THE EASTERN SAGES RISE



Balaam's mystic words appear Full of light divinely clear; And the import wrapp'd in them, Is the star of Bethlehem.

Rock and desert can't impede, On they press, no aid they need; Day and night a guide to them, Is the star of Bethlehem, Now the holy wise men meet At the royal infant's feet; Offerings rich are made by them, To the star of Bethlehem.

Joyful let us quickly rise, Still the signal's in the skies; David's rod of Jesse's stem, Is the star of Bethlehem.

F. H. 1927

WHAT HEAVENLY MUSIC



P. H. 1927

Nº 4 THE PRINCE OF PEACE



F. H. 1927



Come and worship at His feet, Yield to Christ the homage meet, From His manger to His throne Homage due to God alone.





- 2 Fear not, they said, for mighty dread Had seized their troubled mind, Glad tidings of great joy I bring To you and all mankind.
- To you in David's town this day,
 Is born of David's line,
 A Saviour who is Christ the Lord,
 And this shall be a sign.
- 4 The Heavenly babe you there shall find, To human view displayed, All meanly wrapt in swathing bands, And in a manger laid.

F. H. 1937





- 2 Jesus the God whom angels fear, Comes down to dwell with you; Today He makes His entrance here, But not as monarchs do.
- 3 No gold nor purple swaddling bands Nor royal shining things! A manger for His cradle stands And holds the King of Kings

No 7

HARK WHAT MUSIC



F. H 1922

THE LORD IS COME



F. H 1927

No 9

THE STAR OF JACOB



2. Behold He comes, Messiah from above, Come to perform His mighty acts of love, A child is born, to us a son is given, In mortal flesh appears the God of Heaven. He comes the tyrant's kingdom to destroy,
 To publish peace and universal joy,
 From pole to pole extends His vast domain,
 The King of Salem shall for ever reign.

F. H 1927

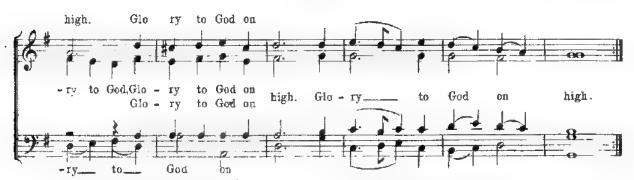
Nº 10

ANGELS PROCLAIM









- 2 He left the shining world above, And laid his glory by, To show the wonders of his love. Glory to God on high!
- 3. Goodwill to men and peace on earth,
 A song to shepherds nigh;
 Our hearts rejoice at Jesus' birth,
 Glory to God on high!

F H. 1927

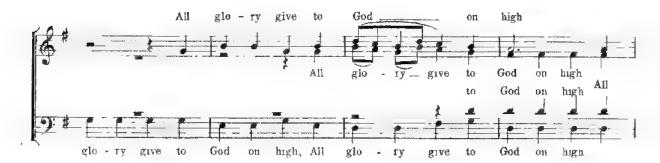
Nº 11

A LUCID LIGHT











2 Goodwill! Goodwill to men, and peace on earth, The Heavenly Choirs united cry.

Refrain Hark! Hark! etc.

- 3 Come all! Come all! and catch the sacred flame Till round the World the song shall fly Refrain Hark! Hark! etc.
- 4 And sound! And sound, the great Redeemer's name, And glory give to God on high.

 Refrain Hark! Hark! stc.

Nº 12 ANGELS FROM THE REALMS OF GLORY



AWAKE YE NATIONS





- Christ is born, the great anointed, Heaven and earth His praises sing.
 O receive whom God appointed For your Prophet, Priest and King.
- Hasten, mortals, to adore Him, Learn His name and taste His joy.
 Till in Heaven ye sing before Him, Glory be to God on high.

F. H. 1927

Nº 15

CRADLED IN A MANGER



P. H. 1927



2 Happy all who hear the message
Of His coming from above,
Happier still who hail His coming,
And with praises greet His love,
Blessed Saviour, Christ most Holy,
In a manger Thou didst rest,
Canst Thou stoop again yet lower,
And abide within my breast.

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3 And to those who never listened.

To the message of Thy birth,
Who have winter, but no Christmas
Bringing them Thy peace on earth.
Send to these the joyful tidings,
By all people, in each home,
Be there heard the Christmas Anthem
Praise to God the Christ has come.

F H 1927

Nº 16 NOW BEGIN THE BLISSFUL THEME



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2 Humble shepherds on the plains, Sudden heard melodious strains, Coming from unbounded space, Joyful news to fallen race. Go they said to Bethlehem, In a manger there He's laid. There behold his mean abode, Hail Him, your incarnate God.

3 See the glorious day return, Ev'ry heart with transport burn, Ev'ry voice be lifted high, Join the chorus of the sky. All that vital breath enjoy, Now your atmost skill employ. Sing, rejoice and sing, Hail, salute your new-born King

Nº 17 HARK THE HERALD ANGELS SING



- 2 Joyful all ye nations rise, Join the triumphs of the skies, With the angelic host proclaim, Christ is born in Bethlehem Refrain. Hark the herald etc.
- 3. Christ by highest heaven adored, Christ the everlasting Lord. Late in time behold Him come, Offspring of a Virgin's womb Refrain. Hark the herald etc.
- Han. I the heaven-born Prince of peace, Haill the sun of righteousness. Light and life to all He brings, Risen with healing in His wings, Refrain. Hark the herald etc.
- Mild He lays his glory by Born that man no more may die, Born to raise the sons of earth, Born to give them second birth. Refrain, Hark the herald etc.



- 2. As with joyful steps they sped,
 Saviour to thy lowly bed,
 There to bend the knee before,
 Thee, whom heaven and earth adore
 So may we with willing feet,
 Ever seek the mercy seat
- 3. As they offered gifts most rare
 At thy cradie rude and bare,
 So may we with holy joy,
 Pure and free from sins alloy,
 All our costliest treasures bring,
 Christ to thee, our heavenly King
- 4: In the heavenly country bright,
 Need they no created light.
 Thou its, light, its joy, its crown,
 Thou its sun which goes not down,
 There for ever may we sing,
 Hallelujahs to our King.

Nº 19 SEE SERAPHIC THRONGS



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BRIGHT AND JOYFUL



On His shoulders He shall bear Power and majesty and wear On His vesture and His thigh Names most awful, names most high.

The incarnate Derty,
Sire of ages ne'er to cease
King of Kings, and Prince of Peace

F. H 1927

Nº 21 WELCOME, WELCOME, HAPPY MORN



F H. 1927

HARK! WHAT MUSIC



HAIL! SACRED DAY



- 2 Arise my soul and hail the day, Nor sleep the soleme hours away; Let Heavenly hosts arise and sing, Hosanna to the new-born King.
- 3 Peace now resumes her gentle reign, Good-will and love are given to men; Thus sany the bright angelic host. While shepherds were in wonder lost.
- 4 Glory to God who reigns on high, Proclaim glad tidings through the say, Let earth and Heaven sality the says, On which the Prince of Life was hors.

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SING! O SING!



F. H. 1927

Nº 25

HEAR THE NEWS



- Soon by many an Heavenly tongue, Glory be to God was sung— Peace on earth, goodwill to men, Christ is born in Bethlehem.
- a Joyful tidings to mankind, Richest grace they now may find, Children too this grace may claim, Christ is born in Bethlehem.

Nº 26 BEHOLD THE SPLENDOUR



- The shepherds heard the joyful sound, Who watch their flocks upon the ground, In dark and dreamy night,
 They left their flocks and herds behind, Their Lord and Saviour then to find, Led by a star of light.
- See heaven's great heir a Virgin's son, Behold a manger is His throne, And spotless He would die, Yours is the guilt, and His the pain, And His the sorrow, yours the gain, Then let His praise be high.

F. H. 1927